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In the Application of:

Mian et al.

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For: Devices and Methods for Using  
Centripetal Acceleration to Drive Fluid  
Movement in a Microfluidics

Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1641

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

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If any of the references are incomplete the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone (312) 913-0001.

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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MESSAGE: Please deliver to Examiner Sines as soon as possible.

Responsive to an informal telephone interview initiated by Examiner Sines, Applicants transmit herewith a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement and corresponding PTO Form 1449, previously submitted on April 23, 2002. Applicants understand that Examiner Sines has considered the references contained in the IDS, but that the IDS paper and accompanying 1449 form are missing from the file. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to initial the 1449 form for all references he considered, and send a copy to them, either with the Notice of Allowance or by separate facsimile to (312) 913-0002.

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